



Critical business tax relief signed into law

In my last E-blast I mentioned some key legislative issues that recently passed the House and Senate and were awaiting Governor's signature.

Specifically, legislation I sponsored providing vital business tax relief for Michigan job providers as well as helping to invigorate our economy and put people back to work was signed into law today.

Senate Bill 1038, now Public Act 433 of 2008, exempts sales taxes and fees from the gross receipts portion of the Michigan Business Tax, and exempts interest and dividend income from tax-exempt federal or state securities.

With the signing of this bill, Michigan job providers have had a huge burden lifted off their shoulders. This is an important, positive step forward for Michigan. The state's bizarre 'tax on a tax' had stood as a barrier to job creation and business investment growth. Knocking down that barrier took much hard work, but its importance to the state economy makes it well worth it.

Under the new definition of "gross receipts," an estimated 50,000 Michigan job providers will see a reduction in their business tax liability.

This new act will help keep businesses and the jobs they provide for our residents here in Michigan, while helping spur new investment and job creation. Today is a great day for small businesses, who provide nearly 70 percent of the state's jobs. But there is more to be done to make the MBT fair and equitable, and I will continue to work hard to achieve that goal.

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